



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Rental Housing Available

The Little River Band Housing Department will have two rental homes for lease at Aki Maadiziwin.

Construction will be complete and the homes will be available after January 1, 2010. The homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and two car attached garages.

These homes are market based rentals, Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The homes rent for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. These homes are not HUD funded homes, therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines.

**If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department
Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.**

Mezeske to be nominated to Council

Ogema Romanelli has chosen to recommend Elder Sandy Mezeske as his appointment to fill the vacant seat on Tribal Council formerly held by Bob Hardenburgh. The Ogema will be presenting his recommendation to Council at their meeting on Wednesday the 6th of January. Romanelli reported that he had a number of excellent candidates for consideration.

Kettle Hole

On January 4th, 2010, a small ceremony will be conducted on the Tribe's Kettle Hole property to initiate the first phase of the newly formed Forestry Management plan. The goal of the plan is aimed to revitalize our forests away from the Red Pine plantations as they currently exist, to a mixed hardwoods setting. More details will be in the next Currents.

Land into Trust

41.13 additional acres of land were accepted into trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at 2:45 p.m. on December 23rd by Acting Regional Director Diane Rosen. More details will be in the next Currents.

Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660



Elders Meeting:

The January 2010 ELDER'S MEETING will be held on the second Saturday rather than the first Saturday. The Meeting will be held at the Community Center at AKI Saturday, JANUARY 9, 2010 starting at 12:00 NOON.

Cabin Fever Camp Scheduled

Youth Camp Cabin Fever Reliever...Come join in a day of fun activities on January 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Aki Community Center. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Holly Davis Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Community Health Representatives 231-398-6629

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

(Kateri Circle)

"Hear me! A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong."

--Tecumseh, SHAWNEE

You can take one arrow and break it in half. But if you take 12 arrows in a bundle, it's almost impossible to break any of them. There is strength in Unity. When we are together we are very powerful. This is the way the ancestors told us we need to be. Strong. We need to unite ourselves. This is why the Elders say, when we make decisions, we must first consider the good of the people. If every person in the community thinks this way, then we will always make strong decisions.

Creator, let my decisions have the strength of the bundle

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Youth Build Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, Youth-Build trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Work-force Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Woodland Indian Art Exhibit

This museum in Traverse City is in the midst of a nice exhibit featuring Woodland Indian arts and crafts. Use this link to see more. <http://www.dennosmuseum.org/exhibitions/current/2009-exhibitions/woodland-indians.html>

3rd Annual New Year's Jiingtamok

"A celebration of sobriety" was held at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center (2953 ShawBeQuo-ung Manistee, Mi). Photos and story will be in the next Currents.

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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 12-8-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, January 4, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 06196GM - Closed Hearing for Guard
- 10:30 a.m. 09177GM - Closed Hearing for Guard

Wednesday, January 6, 2010; Judge Patrick Shannon

- 10:00 a.m. 08117GC Motion Hrg. - Champagne v. Tribe

Monday, January 11, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09236CO Show Cause - Eagle, Kyle
- 11:00 a.m. 09250GC Pretrial - Medacco v. Tribe
- 01:30 p.m. 09230GC Pretrial - Wilcoz v. Wilson
- 02:30 p.m. Juror Show Cause
- 02:45 p.m. 08168DM Final Divorce - Janes v. Janes

Monday, January 18, 2010; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09253DM Pretrial - Miller v. Miller

Thursday, January 21, 2010; Judge Melissa Pope

- 10:00 a.m. 08195GC Motion Hrgs. - Sam et al v. Kelsey et al
- Friday, January 22, 2010; Appellate Court
- 10:00a.m. 09142AP Oral Arguments - Wabsis v. Tribe
- Thursday, January 28, 2010; Judge Sherigan
- 01:30 p.m. 09169GC Pretrial - Martin v. Tribe

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.